GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 0.490 ha of Protected Forest Land in Odalarevu Village of Kakinada Division for laying of 14"dia Duel Pipeline & Umbilical from Landfall point to Onshore Terminal at Odalarevu Village of Allavaram Mandal for development of Vashista and S:1 development project of Eastern Off Shore Asset, ONGC Kakinada, in favour of General Manager (Elect) ONGC (EOA) Kakinada - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 18 **Dated: 16-02-2017**

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF& HoFF, AP, Lr Rc.No.29363/2012/FCA-1, Dt.21-5-2015.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.3227/Section-II/2015, Dt. 15-7-2015.
3. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No.4-APB010/2015-CHN/1141, Dt:21-8-2015.
4. State Govt. Lr.No.3227/Section-II/2015, Dt.20-12-2016.
5. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No. 4-APB010/2015-CHN/0038, Dt:9-01-2017.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.490 ha of Protected Forest Land in Odalarevu Village of Kakinada Division for laying of 14"dia Duel Pipeline & Umbilical from Landfall point to Onshore Terminal at Odalarevu Village of Allavaram Mandal for development of Vashista and S:1 development project of Eastern Off Shore Asset, ONGC Kakinada, in favour of General Manager (Elect) ONGC (EOA) Kakinada and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change, vide their letter 3rd read above, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein. Accordingly, the State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, while according in-principle (Stage-I) approval.

4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change in their letter 5th read above, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.490 ha of Protected Forest Land in Odalarevu Village of Kakinada Division for laying of 14"dia Duel Pipeline & Umbilical from Landfall point to Onshore Terminal at Odalarevu Village of Allavaram Mandal for development of Vashista and S:1 development project of Eastern Off Shore Asset, ONGC Kakinada, in favour of General Manager (Elect) ONGC (EOA) Kakinada, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

5. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.490 ha of Protected Forest Land in Odalarevu Village of Kakinada Division for laying of 14"dia Duel Pipeline & Umbilical from Landfall point to Onshore Terminal at Odalarevu Village of Allavaram Mandal for development of Vashista and S:1 development project of Eastern Off Shore Asset, ONGC Kakinada, in favour of General Manager (Elect) ONGC (EOA) Kakinada, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

(ii) The State Forest Department shall undertake planting of 10 times of the trees proposed to be felled in degraded forest land by the amount remitted by the User Agency.

(iii) Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.

(iv) The pipeline shall be laid at least one meter below the ground level and the forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying of the pipeline.

(v) User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 before commencement of the work.

(vi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

(vii) Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in construction activity do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.

(viii) The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove.

(ix) Work shall be taken up during day time only. No work shall be carried out during night time.

(x) User Agency shall undertake soil conservation measures or any other specific measure as specified in the future by the State Forest Department around the forest area proposed for diversion at the project cost.

(xi) The Forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sub lease to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.

(xii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.49 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.

(xiii) User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

(xiv) Any other condition that the Central Government or Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.

(xv) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO in Sl.No.12 (V) of part II i.e Forest land 112.087 ha and non forest land 1579.294 ha shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal.

(xvi) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, is directed to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The General Manager (Elect) ONGC (EOA) Kakinada, East Godavari District
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER